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NULL Values

The value NULL is used to represent:

1. **Unknown value**.

   A person's date of birth is not known, so it is represented by NULL in the database.

2. **Unavailable value**.

   A person has a home phone but does not want it to be listed.

3. **Not applicable attribute**.

   An attribute LastCollegeDegree would be NULL for a person who has no college degrees because it does not apply to that person.

Three-valued logic

Table 7.1 Logical Connectives in Three-Valued Logic

(a)

AND	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	FALSE	UNKNOWN

(b)

OR	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	TRUE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

(c)

NOT	
TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

Relational Model Notation

We will use the following notation:

- A relation schema R of *degree* n is denoted by *R(A1, A2, ..., An)*.
- Uppercase letters Q, R, S denote relation names.
- Lowercase letters *q*, *r*, *s* denote relation states.
- Letters *t*, *u*, *v* denote tuples.

Basic SQL

SQL language

- Considered one of the major reasons for the commercial success of relational databases

SQL

- The origin of SQL is relational predicate calculus called **tuple calculus** which was proposed initially as the language SQUARE.
- SQL comes from the word “SEQUEL” which was the original term used in the paper: “SEQUEL TO SQUARE” by Chamberlin and Boyce. IBM could not copyright that term, so they abbreviated to SQL and copyrighted the term SQL.
- Now popularly known as “Structured Query language”.

SQL Data Definition, Data Types, Standards

The language has features for : Data definition, Data Manipulation, Transaction control (Transact-SQL), Indexing, Security specification (Grant and Revoke), etc.

Terminology:

- **Table**, **row**, and **column** used for relational model terms relation, tuple, and attribute

CREATE statement

- Main SQL command for data definition

Schema and Catalog Concepts in SQL

The basic standard SQL syntax – there are variations in existing RDBMS systems

SQL schema

- Identified by a **schema name**
- Includes an **authorization identifier**

Schema elements include

- Tables, constraints, views, domains, and other constructs

Each statement in SQL ends with a **semicolon**

Schema and Catalog Concepts in SQL (cont'd.)

CREATE SCHEMA statement

```
CREATE SCHEMA COMPANY AUTHORIZATION
'Jsmith';
```

Catalog

- Named collection of schemas in an SQL environment

The CREATE TABLE Command

Defines a new relation

- Provide name of table
- Specify attributes, their types and initial constraints
- NOT NULL (possibly)

```
- Can optionally specify schema:
CREATE TABLE COMPANY.EMPLOYEE ...
   or
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE ...
```

The CREATE TABLE Command

Base tables (**base relations**)

- Relation and its tuples are actually created and stored as a file by the DBMS

Virtual relations (views)

- Created through the `CREATE VIEW` statement. Do not correspond to any physical file.

SQL Data Types (text)

Data type	Description
CHAR(size)	Holds a fixed length string (can contain letters, numbers, and special characters). The fixed size is specified in parenthesis. Can store up to 255 characters
VARCHAR(size)	Holds a variable length string (can contain letters, numbers, and special characters). The maximum size is specified in parenthesis. Can store up to 255 characters. **Note:** If you put a greater value than 255 it will be converted to a TEXT type
TINYTEXT	Holds a string with a maximum length of 255 characters
TEXT	Holds a string with a maximum length of 65,535 characters

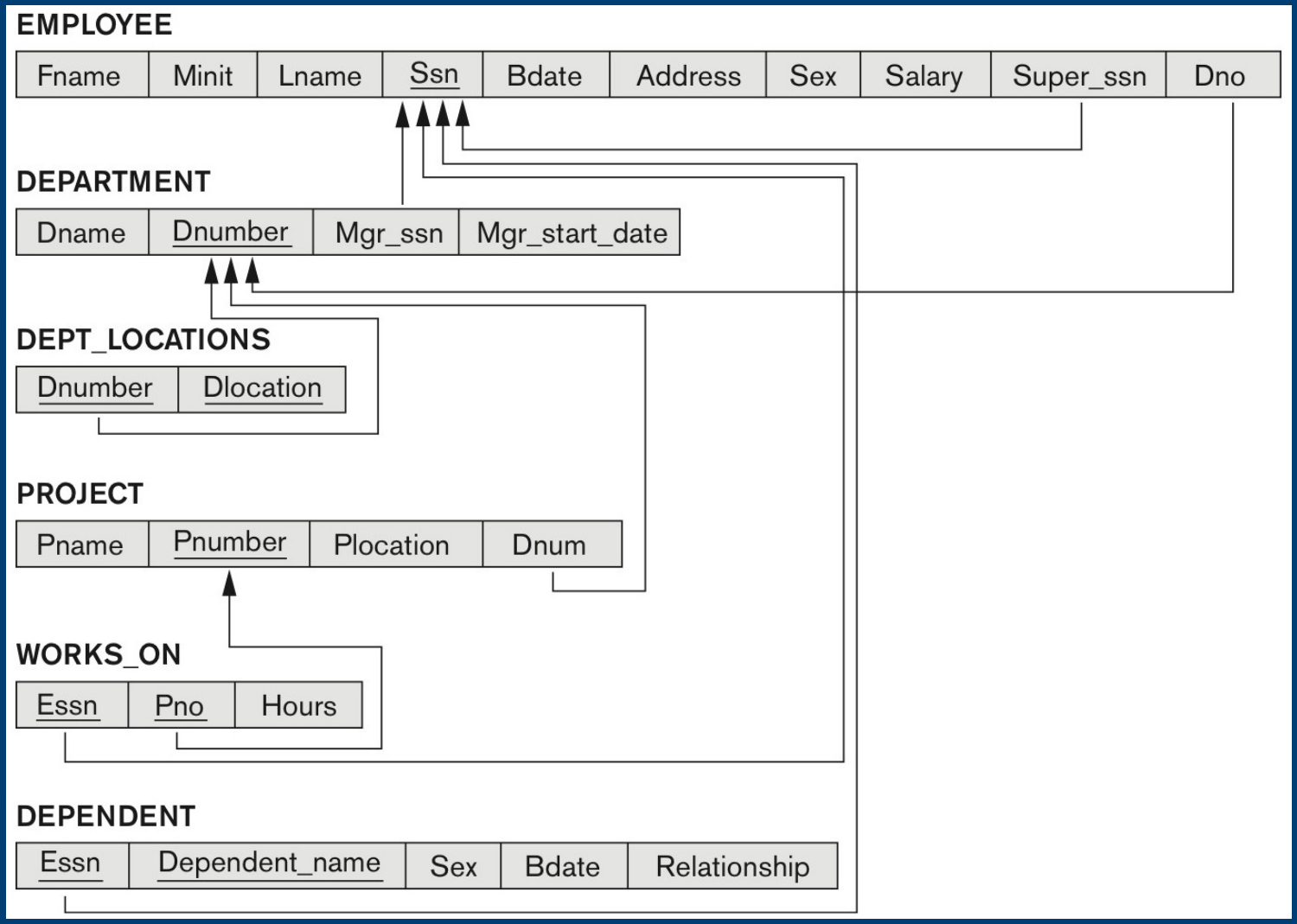
SQL Data Types (numeric)

TINYINT(size)	-128 to 127 normal. 0 to 255 UNSIGNED*. The maximum number of digits may be specified in parenthesis
SMALLINT(size)	-32768 to 32767 normal. 0 to 65535 UNSIGNED*. The maximum number of digits may be specified in parenthesis
MEDIUMINT(size)	-8388608 to 8388607 normal. 0 to 16777215 UNSIGNED*. The maximum number of digits may be specified in parenthesis
INT(size)	-2147483648 to 2147483647 normal. 0 to 4294967295 UNSIGNED*. The maximum number of digits may be specified in parenthesis
BIGINT(size)	-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807 normal. 0 to 18446744073709551615 UNSIGNED*. The maximum number of digits may be specified in parenthesis
FLOAT(size,d)	A small number with a floating decimal point. The maximum number of digits may be specified in the size parameter. The maximum number of digits to the right of the decimal point is specified in the d parameter
DOUBLE(size,d)	A large number with a floating decimal point. The maximum number of digits may be specified in the size parameter. The maximum number of digits to the right of the decimal point is specified in the d parameter
DECIMAL(size,d)	A DOUBLE stored as a string , allowing for a fixed decimal point. The maximum number of digits may be specified in the size parameter. The maximum number of digits to the right of the decimal point is specified in the d parameter

SQL Data Types (date)

DATE()	A date. Format: YYYY-MM-DD **Note:** The supported range is from '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'
DATETIME()	*A date and time combination. Format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS **Note:** The supported range is from '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'
TIMESTAMP()	*A timestamp. TIMESTAMP values are stored as the number of seconds since the Unix epoch ('1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC). Format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS **Note:** The supported range is from '1970-01-01 00:00:01' UTC to '2038-01-09 03:14:07' UTC
TIME()	A time. Format: HH:MI:SS **Note:** The supported range is from '-838:59:59' to '838:59:59'
YEAR()	A year in two-digit or four-digit format. **Note:** Values allowed in four-digit format: 1901 to 2155. Values allowed in two-digit format: 70 to 69, representing years from 1970 to 2069

Example


EMPLOYEE
Fname
Minit
Lname
Ssn
Bdate
Address
Sex
Salary
Super_ssn
Dno
DEPARTMENT
Dname
Dnumber
Mgr_ssn
Mgr_start_date
DEPT_LOCATIONS
Dnumber
Dlocation
PROJECT
Pname
Pnumber
Plocation
Dnum
WORKS_ON
Essn
Pno
Hours
DEPENDENT
Essn
Dependent_name
Sex
Bdate
Relationship

Example

```
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE
        ( Fname                 VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
          Minit                 CHAR,
          Lname                 VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
          Ssn                   CHAR(9)                 NOT NULL,
          Bdate                 DATE,
          Address               VARCHAR(30),
          Sex                   CHAR,
          Salary                DECIMAL(10,2),
          Super_ssn             CHAR(9),
          Dno                   INT                     NOT NULL,
        PRIMARY KEY (Ssn),
CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT
        ( Dname                 VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
          Dnumber               INT                     NOT NULL,
          Mgr_ssn               CHAR(9)                 NOT NULL,
          Mgr_start_date        DATE,
        PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber),
        UNIQUE (Dname),
        FOREIGN KEY (Mgr_ssn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );
CREATE TABLE DEPT_LOCATIONS
        ( Dnumber               INT                     NOT NULL,
          Dlocation             VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
        PRIMARY KEY (Dnumber, Dlocation),
        FOREIGN KEY (Dnumber) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );
```

Example

```
CREATE TABLE PROJECT
        ( Pname                 VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
          Pnumber               INT                     NOT NULL,
          Plocation             VARCHAR(15),
          Dnum                  INT                     NOT NULL,
        PRIMARY KEY (Pnumber),
        UNIQUE (Pname),
        FOREIGN KEY (Dnum) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(Dnumber) );
CREATE TABLE WORKS_ON
        ( Essn                  CHAR(9)                 NOT NULL,
          Pno                   INT                     NOT NULL,
          Hours                 DECIMAL(3,1)            NOT NULL,
        PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Pno),
        FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn),
        FOREIGN KEY (Pno) REFERENCES PROJECT(Pnumber) );
CREATE TABLE DEPENDENT
        ( Essn                  CHAR(9)                 NOT NULL,
          Dependent_name        VARCHAR(15)             NOT NULL,
          Sex                   CHAR,
          Bdate                 DATE,
          Relationship          VARCHAR(8),
        PRIMARY KEY (Essn, Dependent_name),
        FOREIGN KEY (Essn) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(Ssn) );
```

The DROP Command

- `DROP` command
  - Used to drop named schema elements, such as tables, domains, or constraint
- Drop behavior options:
  - `CASCADE` and `RESTRICT`
- Example:
  - `DROP SCHEMA COMPANY CASCADE;`
  - This removes the schema and all its elements including tables,views, constraints, etc.

The ALTER table command

- **Alter table actions** include:
  - Adding or dropping a column (attribute)
  - Changing a column definition
  - Adding or dropping table constraints
- Example:
  - `ALTER TABLE COMPANY.EMPLOYEE ADD COLUMN Job VARCHAR(12);`

Attribute Data Types and Domains in SQL (cont'd.)

Example:

```
CREATE DOMAIN SSN_TYPE AS CHAR(9);
```

Domain

- Name used with the attribute specification
- Makes it easier to change the data type for a domain that is used by numerous attributes
- Improves schema readability

Questions?